

**Robert E. Jones, A.M., D.D.**  
**New Orleans, La.**

MR. JONES is editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. He was born in Greensboro, N. C.

His paternal great-grandfather, a Negro, was a soldier at the battle of Guilford Court House during the Revolutionary War.



R. E. Jones

His paternal grandfather was a successful farmer, while his father was a fairly successful shoemaker. His mother, who is living, was one of the first colored teachers in that section of the country. Robert took his college course at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1895. He earned his support during his entire college career, serving as a grocery clerk and as purchasing agent of the institution and later working at his trade as a paper hanger and painter. In 1895, he entered Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., graduating in 1897 with high rank in his class. He won the Stewart Missionary Foundation prize for the best oration on Africa during his senior year in the seminary.

He was appointed assistant business manager of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, New Orleans, La. After serving more than four years, he was appointed general Sunday-school field worker of the church, having charge of all the work among the colored people of the denomination west of the Mississippi River.

When Dr. Scott was elected missionary bishop for Africa, in 1896, Mr. Jones was elected editor of the *Advocate*. At the General Conference held in Baltimore in 1908, he received seven hundred and five votes out of a possible seven hundred and thirteen. The *Advocate*, the official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church for its 300,000 colored members, is said to have the largest circulation of any religious paper published for Negroes in this country. It occupies its own building on one of the principal thoroughfares in New Orleans.

New Orleans University gave him the degree of D.D. in 1901, and Gammon Theological Seminary gave him a similar honor in April, 1909.

**Prof A. E. Meyzeek**  
**Louisville, Ky.**

PROFESSOR MEYZEEK is principal of the State Normal and Training School, an institution which is considered one of the most thorough of its kind in the South. He was born in Toledo, Ohio. His father was reared in the old French-Huguenot community of Charleston, S. C., which he left before the war, without permission, and journeyed to Canada.



A. E. Meyzeek

He angelicized his name and moved to Toledo. The young man was educated in the public schools of Toledo, in the High School of Terre Haute, Ind., and in the Indiana State Normal College, and the State University of Burlington, taking special research work in the last-named institution.

He studied law under the late Senator Voorhis. Re-entering the educational field, he organized a new school district at Terre Haute, and was made principal of the school. In 1893 he became principal of the Louisville High School and established a reference library, reorganized the school and extended the course of study to the regular four-year period. He was for seven years special instructor to the Jefferson County teachers.

He is a public-spirited citizen. He has served for sixteen years as a member of the Board of Management of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association of Louisville, and for the last ten years has been its president. The association building is one of the best connected with the Young Men's Christian Association work in this country. The land and building is worth \$50,000. Three fourths of the cost of the property was given by white citizens of Louisville, the other fourth by the colored people. This result was largely through the influence of Professor Meyzeek.

Professor Meyzeek is vice-president of the Falls City Realty Company, an organization holding \$10,000 worth of property. He has made commendable progress in material as well as spiritual things. He is happily married, lives modestly, and is possessed of about \$10,000 worth of property, located in Kentucky and Indiana.